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GENEVA 80, LONDON 659, MOSCOW 302, PARIS 866.

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PARIS ALSO PASS CINCEUR, THURSTON, WEST, LIVE OAK

REF: DEPT AIRGRAM CG-524, APRIL 9

REPS PARIS TRIPARTITE STAFF (LIVE OAK) HAVE MET WITH REPS
THREE BONN EMBASSIES AND THREE NATIONAL AIR FORCES TO REVIEW
AND COORDINATE BERLIN AIR CONTINGENCY PLANNING. PRESENT
STATUS BONN TRIPARTITE PLANNING BASED BERLIN CONTINGENCY
PLANNING PAPER, APRIL 4, AS FOLLOWS: PARA 12B (1) THREE APPARENT
ALTERNATIVES (A) REFUSE ACCEPT GDR CONTROLLER BASC, NO ATTEMPT
NOTIFY GDR WESTERN FLIGHTS BERLIN, ATTEMPT SEPARATION WESTERN
FROM BLOC FLIGHTS BY ATC TEMPELHOF; (B) REFUSE GDR CONTROLLER,
BUT ATTEMPT UNOFFICIALLY NOTIFY GDR WESTERN FLIGHTS UTILIZING
PRESENT IMPERFECT TELETYPE AND TELEPHONE LINKS WITH EAST
BERLIN; AGREE LATER TECHNICAL LEVEL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN EAST
AND WEST GERMANS IMPROVE COMMUNICATIONS; (C) IF "AGENCY"
APPLIED ACCEPT GDR CONTROLLER BASC TO ENSURE SEPARATION
BUT NOT RPT NOT APPROVE FLIGHTS. SOLUTIONS (B) AND (C)
PRESUPPOSE SOVIET AND GDR INCLINATION COOPERATE.

(2) AND (6) THREE NATIONAL AIR FORCES BEING REQUESTED PREPARE
APPRECIATION OF FORMS INTERFERENCE AND POSSIBLE COUNTER
MEASURES AS AID EMBASSIES' EVALUATION POSSIBLE THREATS;
GVT'S MUST DECIDE REACTION DIRECT INTERFERENCE, E.G.,
SHOOTING DOWN.

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SHOOTING DOWN
MAY 8, 1968, 17.15. FROM BONN INTERCOM
YB VIL... CIVIL FLIGHTS NATIONAL AIRLINES. DETAILS NOT YET
DISCUSSED TRIPARTITELY AS PER DEPT INSTRUCTIONS (REF DEPT'S
228 APR 24). ... AND GDS INCT MY...
... MATERIAL PLANS COMPLETED DETAILS BEING DISCUSSED
... TRIPARTITELY WITH FEDER INsofar AS AFFECTED.

THREE EMBASSIES REQUESTING NATIONAL AIR FORCES IMMEDIATELY
PREPARE "CIVIL AIRLIFT" PLANS BASED ASSUMPTIONS PREPARED
EMBASSIES.

(7) AIR FORCES BEING REQUESTED EXAMINE AND REPORT TECHNICAL
COMPLICATIONS ARISING HIGH OR LOW LEVEL FLIGHTS AIRLIFT
CONDITIONS.

DETAILED DESPATCH FOLLOWS. EMBASSIES EXPECT COMPLETE TRIPARTITE
REVIEW BERLIN AIR CONTINGENCY PLANNING SHORTLY WITH
RECOMMENDATIONS TO GOVERNMENTS.

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